

MEDIA ADVISORY 6/10/2010

Akin, NDIA and RCGA

to call for increasing support of Missouri's industrial defense base

St. Louis- Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO), Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, who spearheaded the effort to authorize the purchase of 124 Super Hornets to address the Navy's looming fighter shortfall, convened a conference of local defense industry manufactures, economic organizations and State legislators. Akin will hold a joint press conference with Keith Guller, president of the regional chapter of the National Defense Industry Association (NDIA), James Alexander of the RCGA, and David Kerr, Director Missouri Economic Development to discuss the needs of the defense industrial base in Missouri.

Acknowledging that the defense industry represents over a hundred thousand jobs and billions of dollars in revenue to the state of Missouri, Akin will call on greater coordination and support between state, federal and local officials in actively supporting the strength of defense manufacturing in the St. Louis region.

Congressman Akin, a key member of the House Armed Services Committee who has long been a proponent of supporting the industrial capacity of the defense industry in the region as well as the nation will discuss the tremendous economic impact of the defense industry in the region, its importance to Missouri's economy as well as the defense capability of the nation.

WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE following Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Task Force meeting with state and local leaders

WHERE: Drury Inn & Suites, Creve Coeur (I270 & Olive)

WHO: Congressman Akin, House Armed Services Committee; James Alexander, RCGA; Keith Guller, National Defense Industrial Association-St. Louis Chapter; David Kerr, Director Missouri Economic Development

WHEN: June 14th, 10:30 a.m. central media availability

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